

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 13-25 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. Claim 1-12 are subject to an election of species requirement.

Claim 1 recites a crosslinkable polymer comprising (a) one or more polarizable chromophore moieties; (b) one or more diene moieties; and (c) one or more dienophile or dienophile precursor moieties, wherein the diene and dienophile moieties are reactive to form 4+2 cycloaddition products.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elects the species having CLD as the chromophore, maleimide as the dienophile, furan as the diene, and trifluorovinyl ether as the crosslinkable moieties. This particular species is illustrated in FIGURE 1: PSDACLD as the polymer including pendant chromophore (CLD), diene (furan), dienophile (maleimide) precursor, and crosslinkable (trifluorovinyl ether) moieties. Applicants believe that Claims 1-12 read on the elected species.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that Claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' attorney at 206.695.1755.

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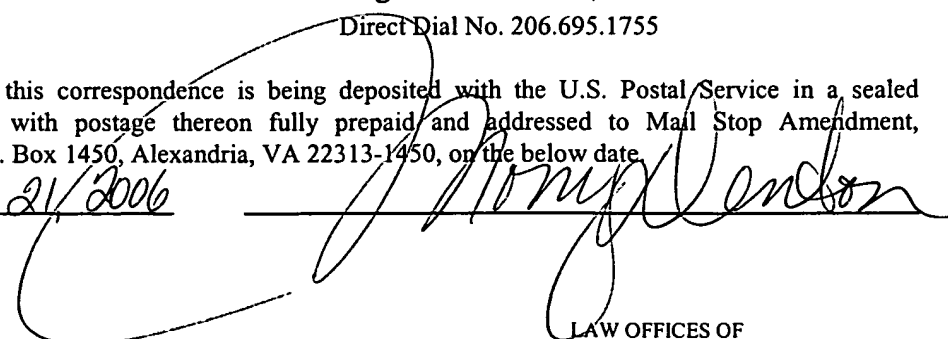
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